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MAY 21 1958

Mr. Brayton Wilbur  
Wilbur-Ellis Company  
320 California Street  
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Brayton:

Many thanks for your note of May 20 concerning [redacted]  
I also had a letter from [redacted] on the same subject and I am  
passing copies of both your letters on to [redacted] together  
with my own congratulatory comments.

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I have just received from the Atomic Energy Commission  
a rejection of my request that you be extended an invitation  
to witness one of the forthcoming nuclear tests at the Emlenton  
Proving Ground. Lewis Strauss was most apologetic but said  
that it was just impossible to extend the invitation because  
of the severe limitations on the number of observers that can  
be accommodated by the Joint Task Force 7. As a consequence  
only senior officials of the Federal Government, a few members  
of Congress and a very few representatives from our national  
laboratories and interested agencies, such as the FDCA are  
being invited.

Faithfully,

*signed*

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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MEMORANDUM TO Mr. Allen Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

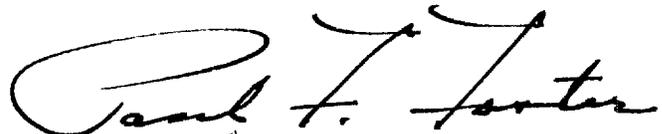
SUBJECT: INVITATION TO MR. BRAYTON WILBUR TO WITNESS ONE  
OF THE SHOTS IN THE [ ] NUCLEAR TEST SERIES  
IN THE PACIFIC

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Pursuant to your request, I asked Chairman Strauss about the possibility of inviting Mr. Wilbur to witness one of the forthcoming nuclear tests at the Eniwetok Proving Ground in the Pacific.

I am instructed to advise you that it will be impossible for the Commission to extend an invitation to Mr. Wilbur because of the severe limitations on the number of observers that can be accommodated by the Joint Task Force 7. Only senior officials of the Federal Government and a few members of the Congress are being invited as official observers in addition to a very few representatives from our national laboratories and interested agencies, such as FCDA.

Chairman Strauss asked me to tell you how very sorry he is that he cannot comply with your request.



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